SEYM Worship Sharing • December 12, 2020

Being of Service

"Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining."   ---Anne Lamott

"It is more fit for us, to be covered with God's eternal Spirit, and clothed with his eternal Light which leads us, and guides us into righteousness, and to live righteously and justly and holy in this profane evil world. This is the clothing that God puts upon us, and likes, and will bless. This will make our Light shine forth."   ---Margaret Fell

"Great things did the Lord lead me unto, and wonderful depths were opened unto me beyond what can by words be declared; but as people come into subjection to the Spirit of God, and grow up in the image and power of the Almighty, they may receive the word of wisdom, that opens all things, and come to know the hidden unity in the Eternal Being."
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"Freedom lies in being as open as possible to ever more realities and experiences, and to share and be enriched by other people's experience. Being open to God is being open to more and more reality… What the spiritual practice is about is coming to terms with the reality. And transforming it, somehow."   ---Steve Hope (Queer Quaker)

"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up."
                                                                                                                        ---Anne Lamott

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Queries

1. How do I 'let my life speak,' in these times, in witness to my beliefs? How do my actions and words show that God works in me and through me?

2. How do I take my sense of God and bring it into a tangible form of hope for others? What does it look like to wear 'the clothing God puts upon us'?

3. What spiritual practice helps me to be steadfast in the work I am called to do? How do I keep from giving up? What does it mean for me to not give up as a servant of God?

4. How can I open myself more freely to transformation and thus become more fully alive to the Spirit?